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RIO DE JANEIRO FOR LANDE AND ROSENBAUM

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SUBJECT: MTN CONSULTATIONS - VENEZUELA

REF: (A) STATE 110271 (B) STATE 113214 (C) GENEVA 6322
(D) OLSEN-FINERTY TELECONS

1. BASED ON OLSEN-FINERTY TELEPHONE CONVERSATIONS AND
REFTELS, WE UNDERSTAND THAT STATE/STR GROUP VISITING
CARACAS FOR MTN DISCUSSIONS COMPOSED OF DEUPUTY ASSISTNAT
SECRETARY OF STATE WILLIAM G. BARRACLOUGH, ASSISTANT
SPECIAL TRADE REPRESENTATIVE STEPHEN LANDE AND JON
ROSENBAUM OF OFFICE OF THE SPECIAL REPRESENTIVE FOR
TRADE NEGOTIATIONS. PER REFTTEL A WE HAVE MADE HOTEL
RESERVATIONS AT CARACAS HILTON CONSISTING OF A SINGLE FOR
BARRACLOUGH AND DOUBLE (SHARED) FOR LANDE AND
ROSENBAUM. ASSUME ALL THREE ARRIVING VARIG 806 MAY 10.

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2. FOREIGN TRADE INSITITUE (ICE) WILL HOST ROUND TABLE
MAY 10 AT 10 A.M. INCLUDING REPRESENTATIVES OF ICE,
MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL RELATIONS, OFFICE FOR INTERNATIONAL
ECONOMIC AFFAIRS, AND VENEZUELAN REPRESENTATIVES TO MTN
IN GENEVA. ICE PRESIDENT FIGUEREDO WILL PROBABLY
BE OUT OF COUNTRY ON MAY 10; MEETINGS WILL THEREFORE
BE HOSTED BY ICE SEC GEN SALAZAR CUERVO. ACCORDING

FIEGUEREDO, BILATERAL CONSULTATIONS COME AT OPPORTUNE TIME, AS ANDEAN PACT MEETING ON MTN SCHEDULED FOR MAY 15 IN LIMA. HE EXPECTS COMPREHENSIVE ANDEAN POSITIONS ON MTN TO BE DEVELOPED DURING LIMA MEETINGS.

3.DURING LUNCH CONVERSATION MAY 4 WITH AMBASSADOR, FIGUEREDO WARNED THAT GOV INTENDED TO ADDRESS BASIC ISSUE OF WHAT DEVELOPING COUNTRIES GENERALLY AND VENEZUELA SPECIFICALLY COULD EXPECT TO GAIN FROM MTN. HE SAID THIS WAS A REAL QUESTION IN HIS MIND AND IN THE MINDS OF OTHER VENEZUELAN AND THIRD WORLD OFFICIALS. HE ASKED THAT AGENDA FOR MAY 10 MEETING NOT BE LIMITED TO TECHNICAL DISCUSSIONS (E.G. URGING VENEZUELA TO MAKE REQUEST ON TONKA BEANS) BUT ALSO ADDRESS BASIC ISSUES OF VALUE OF MTN TO DEVELOPING WORLD.

4.COMMENT: AS INDICATED IN EARLIER TELEGRAMS TO THE DEPARTMENT (CARACAS 3585, CARACAS 2043) GOV BELIEVES MTN ESSENTIALLY A SCENARIO IN WHICH DEVELOPED COUNTRIES MAKING MAJOR DECISIONS IN THEIR OWN BEST INTEREST WITH LITTLE REGARD FOR AND INADEQUATE CONSULTATION WITH THIRD WORLD. WE SENSE THAT THE GOV FEELS IT IS BEING PUSHED INTO SOMETHING BY THE US AND OTHER DEVELOPED COUNTRIES ABOUT WHICH IT STILL ENTERTAINS SERIOUS DOUBTS. BY GOOD FORUTNE WE HAVE AN OPPORTUNITY TO INFLUENCE GOV OPINION JUST BEFORE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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ANDEAN PACT MEETING IN LIMA WHICH MAY RESULT IN KEY MTN POLICY DECISIONS. EMBASSY RECOMMENDS, THEREFORE, THAT US REPRESENTATIVES BE PEREPARED TO MAKE PRESENTATION MAY 10 INTENDED TO OVERCOME VENEZUELAN DOBUTS ABOUT VALUE TO THEM OF MTN.
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